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SUBJECT: THE HELSINGOR SOCIALIST SUMMIT IN THE ITALIAN PRESS

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1. INEVITABLY, THE STATEMENT OF PSI SECRETARY DEMARTINO IN DENMARK WHICH GOT THE MOST PLAY IN THE ITALIAN PRESS WAS HIS DEFINITION OF THE THREE POSSIBLE OUTCOMES HE SEES TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CRISIS. HE LISTED THEM AS (A) A DC-PSI GOVERNMENT IN WHICH DC ACCEPTS SOCIALIST CONDITIONS; (B) A (MINORITY) DC-PRI-PSDI COALITION THE PSI WOULD TOLERATE, BUT NOT IDENTIFY ITSELF WITH; AND (C) NEW NATIONAL ELECTIONS. (COMMENT: PENDING PRIME MINISTER MORO'S CRUCIAL MEETING WITH DEMARTINO THIS EVENING (JANUARY 20), NEAR UNANIMOUS VIEW OF OBSERVERS IS THAT NEITHER OF THE FIRST TWO ALTERNATIVES HAS MUCH PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS.)

2. ALSO QUOTED IN THE WIDE, BUT MODEST, PRESS COVERAGE GIVEN THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING THUS FAR WAS DEMARTINO'S ACCREDITATION OF THE PCI'S DOMESTIC DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS, HIS WILLINGNESS TO TREAT AS POSITIVE THE PCI'S STATEMENTS CONCERNING NATO AND ITS WEST EUROPEAN POLICY, AND HIS REAFFIRMATION OF THE PSI'S ASSUMED MISSION TO BRING THE PCI ALONG THE ROAD TO COMPLETE AUTONOMY FROM THE USSR, THUS CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR PASSAGE TO THE "ALTERNATIVE OF THE LEFT" IN ITALY (REFTEL). DEMARTINO ALSO EXPLAINED WHY THE CENTER-LEFT IS DEAD IN ITALY. (COMMENT: THESE STATEMENTS STIMULATED LITTLE PRESS COMMENT, SINCE THEY MERELY CAPSULIZE LONG-STANDING AND WELL-KNOWN PSI POSITIONS. HOWEVER, THEY CONFIRM THAT THE ANTI-PCI MOTIVATION AND THE TRAUMA OF THE GOVERNMENT CRISIS HAS HAD NO EFFECT ON SOCIALIST ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PCI, DESPITE THE SHARP POLEMICS IT HAS AROUSED BETWEEN THE PSI AND THE PCI.)

3. MOST STORIES ALSO HIGHLIGHT DEEP SPLIT BETWEEN NORTHERN SOCIALISTS AND LATIN EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS OVER THE WISDOM OF ALLIANCES WITH COMMUNISTS. MOST INTERESTING BY FAR IS LEAD STORY BY SOCIALIST SUPPORTER BARBARA SPINELLI IN LA REPUBBLICA (WHICH BEING POUCHED). SHE PLAYS UP MITTERAND'S SUPPORT FOR PSI AT SUMMIT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITING HIS CHARACTERIZATION OF PCI'S HISTORIC COMPROMISE AS A "POLITICAL CHOICE CLEARLY AIMED AT (THE ELIMINATION OF) THE PSI." MITTERAND CALLED DEMARTINO'S MOVE IN PROVOKING GOVERNMENT CRISIS "NOTHING ELSE BUT THE ATTEMPT OF THE PSI TO ESCAPE THE JAWS (STRETTOIE) OF THE HISTORIC COMPROMISE, AND REACQUIRE AN AUTONOMOUS ROLE IN THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION." VOLPE

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